

months. This register should be examined by the Peishkars and the Land Revenue Commissioner in the course of their inspections. The Tahsildar when visiting the *pakuthies* should make independent and confidential enquiries about the *pakuthi* officials; and their reports should be embodied in their diaries and reviewed by the Peishkars. The pay should be increased and suitable men recruited. The Peishkars should also look into these things during their *jamabandi* inspections.

DEWAN'S REPLY: Mr. Sultan Mohideen, there has been a good deal of smoke in what you have said, but I have a suspicion that there may be just a little fire also underlying it. All these matters will receive consideration. But referring to a remark of yours regarding that sprite, I must tell you straight that, of the ways of Kuttichattan, Government have no knowledge.

12. Concessional registry of lands.

MR. AIYAN KALI (*Member, Nominated*) represented that about 75 per cent. of the lands earmarked for assignment to members of the depressed classes were unfit either for purposes of cultivation or for habitation. This was the reason why any considerable number of Pulayas and others had not freely availed themselves of the concession. Survey Nos. 776/1 P. and 778/1 were mentioned as instances in point. It was therefore suggested that lands useful for cultivation should alone be earmarked for the purpose in order that the full benefit of the policy of concessional registry might accrue to the members of his community.

He then requested that certain lands, particulars of which are given below, might be registered in the names of the members of the depressed classes:—

- (a) The portion of the reserved forest comprised in Survey Nos. 441/1 to 444/10 in the Ottasekharamangalam *pakuthi*, Neyyattinkara taluk.
- (b) A portion of 300 acres of land comprised in Survey No. 185/1 in Porvazhi *pakuthi*, Kunnattur taluk.
- (c) All *tarisu* lands not earmarked for registry on concessional terms, on which Pulayas and Parayas have already entered upon for cultivation.

The Member also made the following suggestions:—

- (1) The Sirkar Vakil may be directed to conduct on behalf of the members of the depressed classes law suits for the recovery of lands encroached upon by their neighbours, or as an alternative, the court fees required for such suits might be dispensed with.
- (2) Occupation, by others, of lands earmarked for depressed classes should be vacated.
- (3) A burial ground in Trivandrum town for the use of the Pulayas should be provided.
- (4) Registry should be ordered of one acre of land in every taluk for the Hindu Pulayas to erect temples.
- (5) As the Protector of Depressed classes could not find time in the midst of his other official work to devote his entire attention to the needs of the depressed classes, he should either be divested of his other official work, or a separate officer to look after the interests of the depressed classes should be appointed.

DEWAN'S REPLY: Mr. Aiyam Kali, on the general subject of *puduvai* lands to depressed classes, you will find that I have touched in my address delivered yesterday.

2. In the matter of burial grounds, your suggestion will receive the sympathetic consideration of the Government without delay.

13. Sambavars and registry of lands.

MR. P. YESUDIAN (*Member, Nominated*) said that the needs of the Sambavars were two-fold; firstly, the assignment of ten cents of building site and secondly, of 3 acres of arable land for each family. The complaint was that the lands earmarked for these purposes were unfit, as they were either